



Newsletter 3 – Friday 10th October 2024

Welcome to our newsletter. Thank you so much for all your Harvest Festival donations!

Celebrating Black History

October is Black History Month and this year's theme is 'Reclaiming Narratives'. We have been continuing our celebration of diversity and equality across the academy. Each year group is exploring texts to support their teaching and our wide range of books purchased with PTA funding from Afrori books are proving very popular!

EYFS- Little People, Big Dreams series (Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks)

Year 1– Little People, Big Dreams series (Marcus Rashford)

Year 2- Rainbow Bird (An aboriginal folk tale from Northern Australia)

Year 3- Three Cheers for Women (focus on Wangari Maathai)

Year 4- Migration: Journeys through Black British History

Year 5- The Black Curriculum Legacies: Black British Pioneers

Year 6- Now or Never (WWII link) and Stolen History (The truth about the British Empire and how it shaped us)

Additionally, children in Years 1 to 5 had great fun taking part in African drumming and dance sessions run by the Zamble African Dance Company. The sessions involved using traditional West African moves to perform a short dance sequence alongside learning about the drum and its rhythms and cues. The children also learned about West Africa and its culture. Thank you to Sherifa Mohammed and Jacob Nelson for inspiring us.



Generosity and kindness in the community

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we collected food donations for Haywards Heath Food Bank. We were blown away by your generosity and would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for the donations. The food bank team filled their van to the brim and the items weighed in at an impressive 440kg! Peter Brown, from the foodbank charity, shared with the children in assembly just how much of a difference these donations can make to those in need.



World Mental Health Day

This Thursday we celebrated World Mental Health Day by launching 5 Ways to Well Being. During assemblies the children learnt about the importance of looking after our mental as well as physical health. We shared ideas about how we can Connect, Be Active, Notice, Give and Keep Learning. To help build connections, the children have read with their buddies from different year groups and have explored ways to improve their wellbeing during PSHE lessons. It is equally important that we, as adults, take steps to improve our well being. To find out more, go online at <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/five-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/>

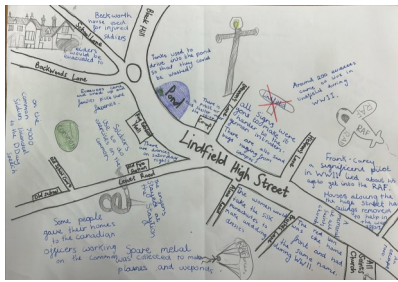
Spotlight on Safeguarding

Lindfield Primary Academy is proud to be part of the Operation Encompass scheme. Operation Encompass is a joint venture between police and schools to ensure early sharing of information where young people have been victims of, or witnesses to, domestic abuse. Should police be called to an incident of domestic abuse, our academy's Key Adult, Mr Geddie, will receive an alert before the next school day. We will use this information to ensure we keep an eye on the child(ren) and offer reassurance and support should they seek it. All of our academy Senior Leadership Team are Safeguarding Officers so please approach any one of us should you have a question, worry or just want to talk.



Year 6 Village Walk

The Year 6 children went on a very informative village walk last week. They discovered what Lindfield was like during World War II and it helped them understand what life was like on the home front. A big thank you to the parents who joined us on the walk.



Are you a new member of our Governing Body?

Could you use your skills and experience to make a positive contribution to the education of our local children and provide support to our local school? We have a co-opted vacancy to join the local governing board at Lindfield Primary Academy and therefore we would welcome hearing from you.

Our local board members are volunteers who represent various parts of the academy's community including residents, parents/carers and staff. All members help shape the academy's vision and strategy and help keep our academy at the heart of village life, through strengthening community links. We celebrate the successes of pupils and staff and we are responsible for monitoring pupil well-being, admissions, complaints and concerns.

We are looking for an individual who is wanting to be involved in continuing the successful links the school has with the local community and an individual who is wanting to make a positive contribution to the education of our local children. If you would like further information on the role, please contact Daniel Curtis on d.curtis@brightonacademiestrust.org.uk by the 1st November.

Uniform Reminder

Please may we remind you that children should not be wearing overt or large jewellery to school. This includes bracelets, earrings and necklaces. Jewellery like this can be accidentally caught or grabbed, causing injury or breaking expensive items. Therefore, teachers may request that these accessories be removed and kept safely in bags to be brought home. Alongside this, please also ensure that school shoes remain predominantly black. Trainers for PE lessons may be of any colour. Naming items like these makes it a lot easier for us to return them should they go missing. For further clarity, please see our uniform policy which can be found under the Key Documents section of our academy website.

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Over and Above

Betty Mee	Lewis Clapp
Max Cookson	Harris Baker
Dylan Hayman	Molly Chivers
Ella York	Pippa Bending
Callum Creasey	Hugh Morris
Jude Treen	Jessi Ahouansou
Theo Steynor	Mae Lesley
Olivia Canty	Rosie Atkin
Poppy Ruffle	Skye Medhurst
Chloe Collier	Matilda Edwards
Freya Dillon	Matilda Stephens

PTA News

PTA AGM: Thank you to everyone who came!

After 2 wonderful years as our lovely PTA Chair - Sarah - stepped down from her role. Her passion and enthusiasm have been incredible and we thank her so much for all of her unwavering energy over the last two years.

Chair, Treasurer and committee vacancies:

We are in need of a new chair for the PTA - if you are at all interested and want to find out more then please get in touch. We raised over £30,000 last year and would love to be able to do the same this year.

We also need someone who would like to take on the treasurer role from next October and who would be willing to shadow Steve this year to learn the ropes. Additionally we have 5 committee spaces still available.

Please do email us at lindfield.pta@gmail.com if you would like more information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 16th Oct: Yr5 Eco Workshops
Thurs 17th/24th Oct: Yr6 Tangmere Trips
Thurs 17th Oct: Yr2 Samuel Pepys Workshop
Thurs 17th Oct: CommuniTEA
Mon 21st-Thurs 24th Oct: Yrs1-6 Parents Evenings
Tues 22nd Oct: Yr4 Explorer Workshop (am)
Tues 22nd Oct: Little Big Sing (pm)
Weds 23rd Oct: Early Years '6 weeks in' session
Fri 25th Oct: INSET Day-academy closed to pupils
Mon 28th – Fri 1st Nov: Half term holiday
Mon 4th Nov: INSET Day-academy closed to pupils